

b.) Remarks

Claims 12, 47 and 48 have been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. Additionally, claim 15 is amended to correct a typographical error and new dependent claims 49-56 are presented in order to more specifically recite various preferred embodiments of the present invention. No new matter has been added.

Claims 17 and 44-48 are noted as reciting patentable and unobvious subject matter and are objected to solely as depending from rejected base claim(s). The Examiner's assistance and cooperation in expediting prosecution of this application by examining separately the subject matter of Applicants' dependent claims is gratefully appreciated.

The Examiner suggested that the points of attachment of the dioxolanyl group be specified. In response, "dioxolanyl" has been changed to "1,3-dioxolan-2-yl" in conformity with Compound 112.

Claims 12-16 and 18 stand rejected over Ling (*J. Org. Chem.*, Vol. 68, No. 4 (2003) 1358-66), Kiyoura (JP 52-151133) and ApSimon (*J. Chem. Soc.* (1965) 4156-63), which respectively teach CAS REG Nos. 501668-41-3, 66224-77-9 and 2657-41-2, as noted at pages 3-4 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicants have above amended claim 12 to distinguish the noted compounds, in particular, by deleting a hydrogen atom from the definition of R^{1A} when nA is 0. Therefore, this rejection is mooted.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 12-18 and 44-56 remain presented for continued prosecution.

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